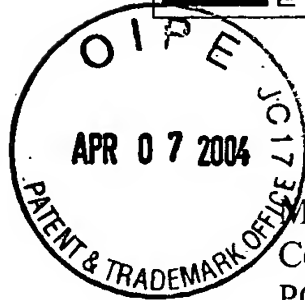


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Dear Sir

Request for Continued Examination of US Application No.10/048,095 filed 29 July 2002
Entitled: Method for Power Optimization in a Vehicle/Train having an efficiency
that Depends on the Operating Point
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Atty Docket No. 01013.0013.PCUS00

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is a continued request for examination, consisting of the following documents:

1. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal, form PTO/SB/30;
2. Response to final office action submitted 9th February 2004;
3. Petition for 1 month extension of time as submitted 9th February 2004;
4. Petition for 3 month extension of time; and
5. One (1) return receipt postcard.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge the following fees to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038 referencing the docket number given above.

\$770 Filing fee for patent application

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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038 referencing the docket number given above. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

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It is respectfully requested that, of the two attached postcards, one be stamped with the filing date of these documents and returned to our courier, and the other, prepaid postcard, be stamped with the filing date and unofficial application number and returned as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jacobus C. Rasser". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "J".

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